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Pig population in April 1989

The pig population continues to decline...

The most recent, and in part still provisional results of the pig population surveys carried out in April 1989 show a further drop of 2.5% in the Community as compared with April 1988 to almost exactly 100 Mio head. Graph 1 shows this development for the Community of Ten. This indicates that pig stocks have returned to the April 1985 level. The two largest producer countries, Germany and Spain, which together account for almost 40% of the total population, report a fall of 5.2 and 6.2% respectively. A sharp drop also occurred in the United Kingdom (-5.9%) and Luxembourg (-11.2%), although it is difficult to make a comparison with the previous year in Luxembourg because of methodological changes. A slight downward movement was recorded in the Netherlands and Belgium (both -1.1%) and Greece (-1.5%). The pig population remained virtually constant in France (+0.4%) and Italy (-0.2%). Substantial increases in stocks are apparent only in Denmark (+3.3%), Ireland (+1.4%) and, surprisingly, in Portugal (+3.2%). The Portuguese result is remarkable since large numbers of pigs had to be slaughtered in the months preceding the April survey because of an outbreak of African swine fever.

The intentions of pig producers are reflected in the numbers of mated sows. The recovery of the pig market can be seen in the constant or growing numbers in half the Community countries. An improvement is apparent even in those countries in which the numbers of sows continue to decline, since the rate of decline is appreciably lower than shown by the December results. For EUR 12, the drop in the number of mated sows in December was still 4.6%, whereas now it is 3.3%.

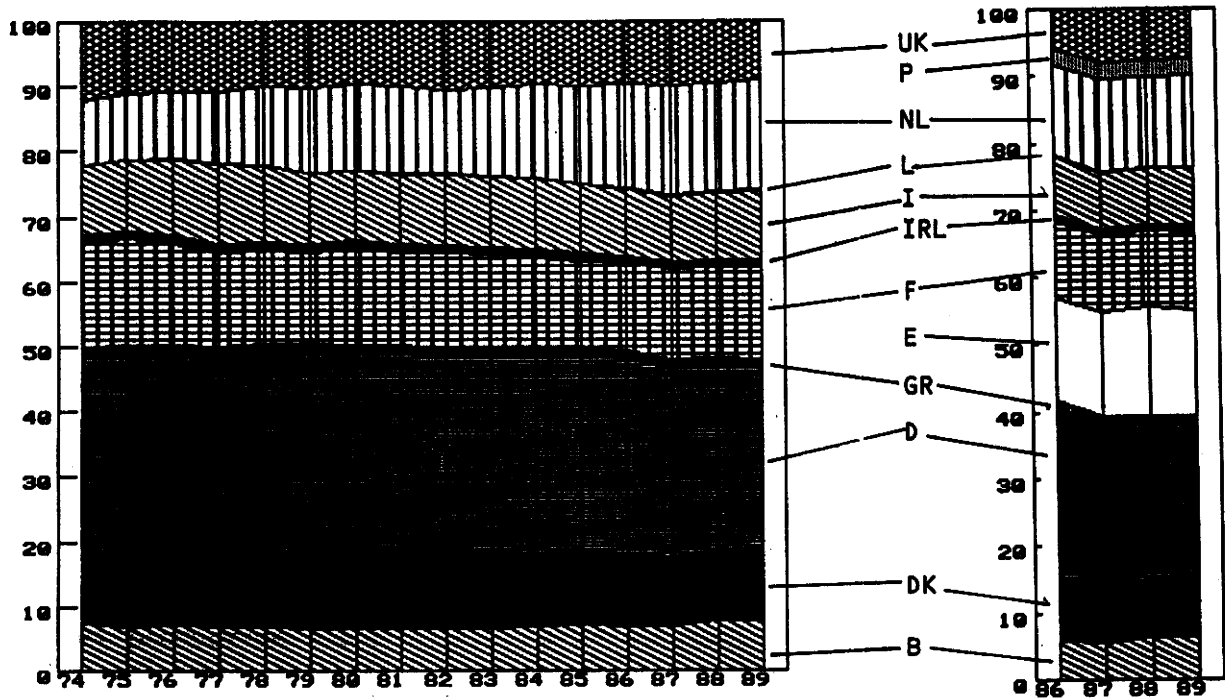
It is noteworthy that the proportions of the Community population represented by the various Member States remain fairly stable, although the number of animals varies considerably in the course of a pig cycle.

Changes in the proportion of the total pig population in April of each year accounted for by the Member States for EUR 10 or EUR 12

	POPULATION 1000	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
EUR 10													
1974	71749.70	7.37%	11.38%	29.77%	1.56%		15.84%	1.32%	10.49%	0.13%	9.78%		12.35%
1975	69836.50	6.88%	11.61%	30.09%	1.60%		16.49%	1.13%	10.91%	0.12%	10.17%		11.01%
1976	70277.00	7.08%	11.34%	30.16%	1.59%		15.86%	1.30%	11.46%	0.12%	10.15%		10.94%
1977	71882.40	6.94%	11.19%	30.26%	1.56%		14.67%	1.31%	12.13%	0.12%	11.03%		10.78%
1978	75094.05	6.82%	11.36%	30.89%	1.49%		14.28%	1.37%	11.61%	0.12%	11.98%		10.08%
1979	76704.69	6.60%	12.10%	30.31%	1.46%		13.93%	1.44%	10.88%	0.11%	12.88%		10.30%
1980	78513.44	6.55%	12.33%	30.10%	1.43%		14.70%	1.32%	10.47%	0.10%	13.22%		9.77%
1981	77555.38	6.41%	12.50%	30.01%	1.44%		14.23%	1.32%	10.64%	0.10%	13.39%		9.95%
1982	77048.45	6.65%	12.08%	29.61%	1.45%		14.58%	1.35%	10.78%	0.10%	13.02%		10.39%
1983	79244.18	6.63%	11.88%	29.96%	1.51%		14.13%	1.36%	10.63%	0.09%	13.46%		10.35%
1984	77709.57	6.92%	11.19%	30.48%	1.36%		13.78%	1.33%	10.80%	0.09%	14.35%		9.71%
1985	79820.00	7.07%	11.62%	30.02%	1.38%		13.09%	1.26%	10.48%	0.08%	15.04%		9.94%
1986	82900.71	6.75%	11.36%	30.04%	1.29%		13.39%	1.21%	10.21%	0.08%	15.96%		9.71%
1987	84632.21	6.68%	10.82%	29.08%	1.35%		13.90%	1.17%	10.07%	0.09%	17.03%		9.81%
1988	83496.00	7.68%	10.84%	28.45%	1.40%		13.86%	1.16%	10.30%	0.09%	16.65%		9.56%
1989	81898.64	7.75%	11.42%	27.51%	1.41%		14.18%	1.20%	10.48%	0.08%	16.80%		9.17%
EUR 12													
1986	97649.19	5.73%	9.64%	25.51%	1.09%	15.10%	11.36%	1.02%	8.67%	0.07%	13.55%	2.36%	8.25%
1987	103186.76	5.48%	8.88%	23.85%	1.11%	15.62%	11.40%	0.96%	8.26%	0.07%	13.96%	2.36%	8.04%
1988	102574.56	6.25%	8.83%	23.16%	1.14%	16.29%	11.28%	0.95%	8.38%	0.07%	13.56%	2.31%	7.78%
1989	100024.58	6.34%	9.35%	22.53%	1.15%	15.67%	11.61%	0.98%	8.58%	0.07%	13.75%	2.45%	7.51%

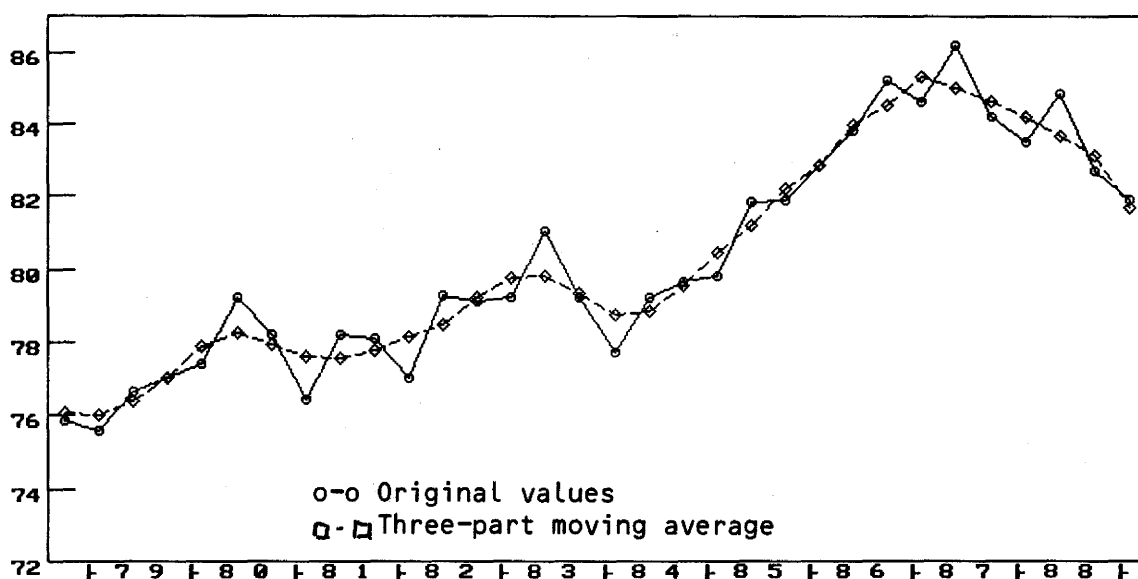
EUR 10

EUR 12



In the Community of Ten, there were significant changes between 1974 and 1989 in respect of only four countries. The most striking is the 72% rise in the share of the Netherlands, from 9.78 to 16.80% of the Community population. This increase was at the expense of three countries: the British share fell by 25.7% from 12.35 to 9.17%, the French share by 10.5% from 15.84 to 14.18% and the West German share by 7.6% from 29.77 to 27.51%. What is remarkable in the Federal Republic of Germany is the development in the last few years. The German share fluctuated around 30% for a long time and then fell in the last three years to about 27.5%. This loss of no less than 2.5% of the Community stocks is equal to the combined pig populations of Greece and Ireland.

Results of the three annual population surveys for EUR 10



... despite rising market prices

The exceptional market crisis of recent years, which has now come to an end, is reflected in a distortion of the pig cycle, causing the peak to be displaced by about a year. Three main factors contributed to this abnormal development (i.e. a continuing rise in production despite a sharp drop in market prices over a fairly long period):

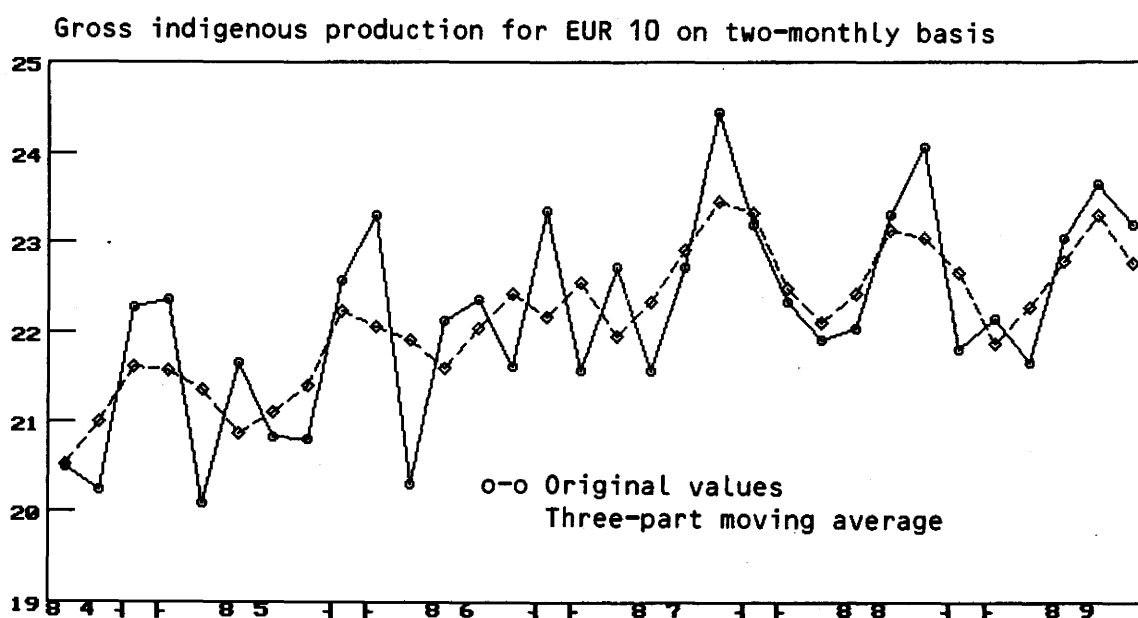
- falling prices for both imported feed (especially soya and tapioca) and home-produced feed (cereals);
- Spain's accession to the Community in 1986 and consequent opening of the Spanish market, in which there was initially a great deal of spare demand;
- good opportunities for export to third countries.

The excess supply which finally resulted from the substantial increase in pig numbers, together with the rapid rise in the cost of imported feed following the drought in the producing areas in America, led to the severe crisis in the pig sector. A further rise in market prices was not possible until October/November 1988, after stocks had been considerably reduced. In the year 1.4.1988 to 1.4.1989, the average price for slaughtered pigs in the Community increased by 14.1% from 113 ECU to 128.9 ECU and in the following two and a half months to 11.6.1989 by a further 13.6% to 146.5 ECU. Improved returns on pig production are also apparent in the prices for piglets, which are regarded as a good indicator of profitability. In the period from 1.4.1988 to 1.4.1989 they rose by 28.2% from 30.9 ECU to 39.6 ECU.

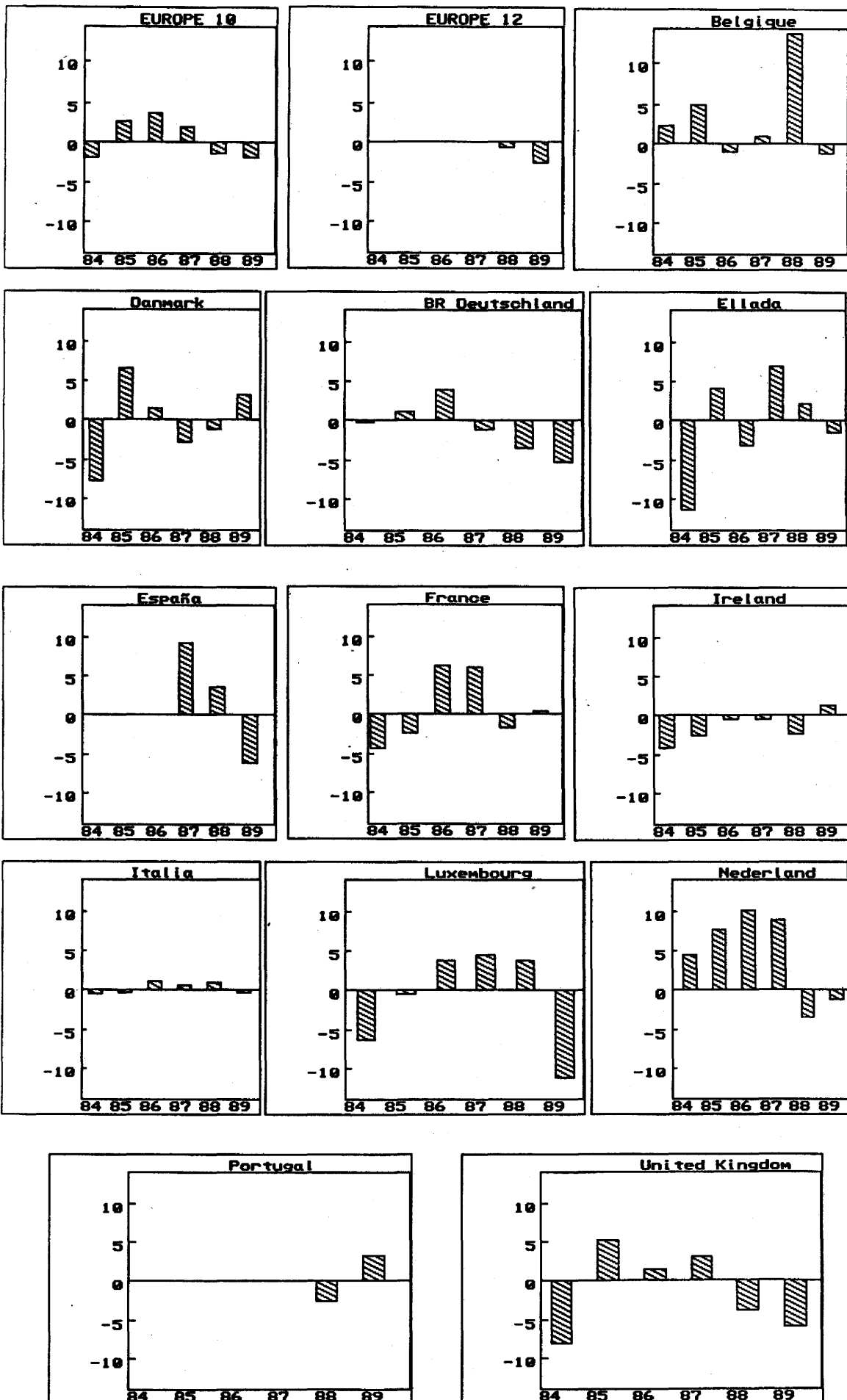
Production also continues to fall

For the entire forecast period up to February/March 1990 supply is expected to fall by 3.1% to 157.25 Mio head. The sharpest drop will probably occur in August/September 1989 (-7.8%). After these reductions, which are still cyclical in nature, production is not expected to rise until the second quarter of 1990. The reason for this very slow reaction to the favourable market prices currently obtaining lies in the fact that the breeding herd was also cut back very sharply during the crisis and must be rebuilt in most Member States before production can be increased. The entire process may take up to 15 months.

The anticipated developments in numbers of head are matched by the price forecasts. Overall, prices will probably continue to improve. In July/August of this year the price level is expected to remain largely unchanged and then to rise. This development will be accompanied by lower feed costs and will probably continue into 1990. Production will undoubtedly increase appreciably in the course of the next year. Past experience indicates, however, that pig producers should not expand too sharply since there will inevitably be a further downturn. The pig cycle still exists and the recommendation that producers should adopt a counter-cyclical policy thus remains as valid as ever.



Percentage changes in population in April
as compared with the previous year





SCHWEINEBESTAND IM APRIL

PIG POPULATION IN APRIL

EFFECTIFS PORCINS EN AVRIL

1000 STUECK

1000 HEAD

1000 TETES

	EUR 10	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
ZUCHTEBER (>50 KG)														
BREEDING BOARS (>50 KG)														
1986	414	--	26	40	118	13	79	68	5	45	1	53	--	46
1987	425	555	25	40	117	13	103	74	5	45	1	57	27	47
1988	401	538	24	37	103	14	111	63	5	46	1	64	26	45
1989	389	518	22	35	99	16	100	61	5	43	1	65	28	42
X 89/88	-2.8	-3.7	-8.3	-5.4	-3.1	15.7	-9.8	-3.2	-2.0	-4.6	-18.4	1.6	7.7	-6.7
ZUCHTSAUEN (>50 KG)														
BREEDING SOWS (>50 KG)														
1986	9214	--	656	1075	2914	148	1271	1129	113	766	11	1472	--	930
1987	9365	11676	704	1049	2827	153	1980	1207	108	771	11	1597	331	938
1988	8986	11322	740	1026	2658	155	2003	1093	109	774	12	1519	333	900
1989	8666	10852	709	1024	2451	169	1850	1105	110	761	10	1497	336	829
X 89/88	-3.6	-4.1	-4.2	-0.2	-7.8	9.2	-7.6	1.1	0.3	-1.6	-12.2	-1.4	0.9	-7.9
VERRATS REPRODUCTEURS (>50 KG)														
MATED SOWS														
1986	5976	--	440	669	1863	94	838	712	77	569	8	905	--	640
1987	6075	7519	469	650	1797	96	1242	767	77	573	7	986	202	654
1988	5920	7384	501	645	1718	96	1265	702	76	576	8	970	199	628
1989	5774	7140	496	659	1601	119	1167	724	78	576	7	934	199	581
X 89/88	-2.5	-3.3	-1.0	2.2	-6.9	23.7	-7.8	3.1	1.6	0.1	-10.4	-3.7	0.0	-7.5
TRUIES D'ELEVAGE (>50 KG)														
GEDECKTE SAUEN														
TRUIES SAILLIES														
DARUNTER: ZUM ERSTEN MAL GEDECKTE SAUEN														
DONT: TRUIES SAILLIES POUR LA PREMIERE FOIS														
OF WHICH: SOWS MATED FOR THE FIRST TIME														
1986	1320	--	103	160	424	22	228	162	15	142	2	181	--	108
1987	1306	1610	112	153	385	21	241	169	15	143	2	197	63	110
1988	1234	1517	104	148	362	22	233	151	15	143	2	183	50	104
1989	1151	1415	111	137	332	11	203	145	14	128	2	176	61	96
X 89/88	-6.7	-6.7	6.7	-7.4	-8.4	-48.2	-13.1	-4.1	-6.7	-10.5	-5.2	-3.8	22.0	-7.7
NICHT GEDECKTE ZUCHTSAUEN														
BREEDING SOWS NOT MATED														
1986	3237	--	216	406	1051	54	432	417	36	197	4	567	--	291
1987	3290	4157	235	399	1031	57	738	440	32	198	4	611	129	284
1988	3065	3937	239	381	940	59	738	391	33	198	4	549	134	271
1989	2890	3710	213	365	850	50	683	380	32	185	3	563	137	248
X 89/88	-5.7	-5.7	-10.9	-4.2	-9.5	-14.4	-7.4	-2.9	-2.7	-6.5	-16.2	2.6	2.2	-8.5
DARUNTER: NOCH NICHT GEDECKTE JUNGSAUEN														
DONT: JEUNE TRUIES NON SAILLIES														
OF WHICH: BREEDING GILTS NOT YET MATED														
1986	1056	--	82	130	296	12	154	141	10	83	1	210	--	92
1987	1092	1294	96	135	290	14	171	151	8	83	1	227	31	87
1988	998	1182	100	128	253	9	156	126	9	83	1	203	28	86
1989	959	1135	84	121	226	17	139	119	8	73	1	233	37	77
X 89/88	-3.9	-4.0	-16.0	-5.5	-10.6	89.6	-10.8	-5.7	-5.6	-12.5	-19.6	14.8	32.1	-10.5



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INSGESANT														
TOTAL														TOTAL
1986	82901	-:	5595	9417	24905	1068	14748	11097	999	8463	70	13234	-:	8052
1987	84632	103187	5652	9160	24614	1143	16122	11766	994	8520	74	14409	2433	8300
1988	83496	102575	6413	9055	23755	1169	16708	11572	971	8600	76	13905	2371	7980
1989	81899	100025	6345	9353	22531	1151	15678	11615	984	8584	68	13757	2448	7511
% 89/88	-1.9	-2.5	-1.1	3.3	-5.2	-1.5	-6.2	0.4	1.4	-0.2	-11.2	-1.1	3.2	-5.9
FERKEL (<20 KG)														
PIGLETS (<20 KG)														PORCELETS (<20 KG)
1986	24392	-:	1553	3032	7668	390	3671	2800	239	1818	31	4557	-:	2304
1987	25179	30553	1685	3029	7619	390	4615	3087	225	1820	31	4952	759	2341
1988	24533	30070	1851	2952	7125	420	4809	2693	233	1838	31	5162	728	2228
1989	24087	29517	1805	3053	6836	400	4672	2801	225	1849	28	4988	758	2103
% 89/88	-1.8	-1.8	-2.5	3.4	-4.1	-4.8	-2.9	4.0	-3.5	0.6	-10.8	-3.4	4.1	-5.6
JUNGSCHWEINE (20-50 KG)														
YOUNG PIGS (20-50 KG)														JEUNES PORCS (20-50 KG)
1986	21018	-:	1374	2620	5795	278	4317	3308	295	1970	13	3119	-:	2247
1987	21713	26725	1362	2751	5790	286	4331	3506	310	1982	13	3387	681	2327
1988	20889	25689	1640	2694	5505	292	4132	3502	304	1987	13	2703	668	2248
1989	20429	25250	1494	2766	5317	278	4112	3423	324	1934	11	2785	709	2096
% 89/88	-2.2	-1.7	-8.9	2.7	-3.4	-4.9	-0.5	-2.3	6.5	-2.7	-15.3	3.0	6.1	-6.8
MASTSCHWEINE (>50 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>50 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>50 KG)
1986	27864	-:	1987	2650	8411	240	5034	3793	348	3864	15	4033	-:	2524
1987	27949	33676	1876	2291	8261	302	5092	3890	346	3903	18	4416	635	2647
1988	28692	34961	2158	2346	8364	287	5653	4220	319	3960	19	4458	616	2561
1989	28328	33889	2315	2475	7826	288	4944	4226	320	3997	18	4422	617	2441
% 89/88	-1.3	-3.1	7.3	5.5	-6.4	0.3	-12.5	0.1	0.4	1.0	-8.1	-0.8	0.2	-4.7
MASTSCHWEINE (50-80 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (50-80 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (50-80 KG)
1986	17028	-:	1265	2067	5248	166	3415	2043	267	1598	10	2530	-:	1833
1987	17032	20852	1161	1822	5128	181	3341	2161	264	1613	10	2770	479	1921
1988	17182	21206	1320	1865	5109	180	3564	2254	236	1639	11	2707	460	1861
1989	16697	20279	1340	1970	4724	185	3125	2262	246	1489	11	2695	458	1775
% 89/88	-2.8	-4.4	1.5	5.6	-7.5	2.8	-12.3	0.4	4.5	-9.2	-3.7	-0.4	-0.4	-4.6
MASTSCHWEINE (80-110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (80-110 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (80-110 KG)
1986	9168	-:	712	568	3011	70	1508	1576	66	1159	5	1405	-:	596
1987	9234	11005	695	455	3001	100	1644	1582	67	1169	8	1539	127	618
1988	9799	11888	817	466	3126	100	1946	1763	67	1181	7	1662	143	610
1989	9848	11708	953	493	2973	94	1720	1799	65	1229	6	1642	139	595
% 89/88	0.5	-1.5	16.6	5.8	-4.9	-6.2	-11.6	2.0	-3.9	4.1	-22.4	-1.2	-2.8	-2.5
MASTSCHWEINE (>110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>110 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>110 KG)
1986	1668	-:	9	15	152	4	111	173	15	1107	0	98	-:	94
1987	1683	1819	20	14	132	20	108	147	15	1120	1	107	29	108
1988	1708	1864	21	15	129	8	143	204	16	1137	0	88	13	90
1989	1782	1901	22	12	129	9	99	165	9	1280	1	85	20	70
% 89/88	4.3	2.0	4.8	-20.0	0.3	15.0	-30.8	-19.1	-43.2	12.6	107.8	-3.4	53.8	-22.2

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GROSS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF PIGS

PRODUCTION INDIGENE BRUTE DE PORCS

1000 HEAD		1000 STUECK										1000 TETES		
	EUR 10	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
12 MONTHS														
12 MONATE														
1987/88	137303	160252*	8183	16158	39113	2361	19700*	19586	2121	9946	131	23728	3249	15977
1988/89	136806*	162224*	8517*	16006*	38173*	2374*	22196*	20219*	2119*	9815*	131*	23827*	3222	15625*
1989/90	133152*	157230*	8430*	16369*	36070*	2451*	20870*	19550*	2153*	9804*	131*	23310*	3208*	14884*
% 88/89	-0.4*	1.2*	4.1*	-0.9*	-2.4*	0.6*	12.7*	3.2*	-0.1*	-1.3*	0.0*	0.4*	-0.8	-2.2*
% 89/90	-2.7*	-3.1*	-1.0*	2.3*	-5.5*	3.3*	-6.0*	-3.3*	1.6*	-0.1*	0.0*	-2.2*	-0.4*	-4.7*
APRIL/MAY														
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1987	21574	25027	1316	2477	6348	276	2951	3036	350	1477	23	3653	502	2618
1988	22336	26556	1441	2489	6420	295	3671	3302	336	1485	21	3871	549	2676
1989	22150*	26210*	1484*	2613*	6200*	301*	3510*	3300*	353*	1556*	21*	3820*	550	2502*
% 87/88	3.5	6.1	9.5	0.5	1.1	6.8	24.4	8.8	-4.0	0.5	-8.7	6.0	9.4	2.2
% 88/89	-0.8*	-1.3*	3.0*	5.0*	-3.4*	2.0*	-4.4*	-0.1*	5.1*	4.8*	0.0*	-1.3*	0.2	-6.5*
JUNE/JULY														
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1987	22731	26216	1374	2705	6619	324	2911	3218	366	1399	21	4042	574	2663
1988	21922*	25953*	1281	2608	6100	337	3504	3231	346	1420*	22	3832	527	2745
1989	21650*	25505*	1319*	2637*	6050*	352*	3330*	3200*	355*	1419*	22*	3760*	525*	2536*
% 87/88	-3.6*	-1.0*	-6.8	-3.6	-7.8	4.1	20.4	0.4	-5.5	1.5*	4.8	-5.2	-8.2	3.1
% 88/89	-1.2*	-1.7*	3.0*	1.1*	-0.8*	4.4*	-5.0*	-1.0*	2.6*	-0.1*	0.0*	-1.9*	-0.4*	-7.6*
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER														
AOUT/SEPTEMBRE														
1987	22036	25488	1348	2766	6386	369	2902	3195	342	1280	21	3920	550	2410
1988	23046*	27167*	1515	2854	6417	358	3576	3531	374*	1410*	20	4118	545	2449
1989	21658*	25452*	1500*	2789*	5850*	375*	3260*	3300*	365*	1320*	20*	3870*	534*	2269*
% 87/88	4.6*	6.1*	12.4	3.2	0.5	-2.7	23.2	10.5	9.4*	10.2*	-4.8	5.1	-0.9	1.6
% 88/89	-6.0*	-7.8*	-1.0*	-2.3*	-8.8*	4.5*	-8.8*	-6.5*	-2.4*	-6.4*	0.0*	-6.0*	-2.0*	-7.3*
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER														
OCTOBRE/NOVEMBRE														
1987	23313	27251	1386	2707	6819	424	3378	3280	362	1643	19	3832	560	2841
1988	23650*	27845*	1518	2752	6624	413	3665	3417	365	1660*	24	4010	530	2867
1989	23058*	26936*	1503*	2859*	6150*	431*	3360*	3350*	365*	1676*	24*	4000*	518*	2700*
% 87/88	1.4*	2.2*	9.5	1.7	-2.9	-2.6	8.5	4.2	0.8	1.0*	26.3	4.6	-5.4	0.9
% 88/89	-2.5*	-3.3*	-1.0*	3.9*	-7.2*	4.4*	-8.3*	-2.0*	0.0*	1.0*	0.0*	-0.2*	-2.3*	-5.8*
DECEMBER/JANUARY														
DECEMBER/JANVIER														
1987/88	24445	28896	1411	2775	6481	607	3896	3400	344	2419	25	3993	555	2991
1988/89	24054*	28951*	1374*	2762*	6562*	606*	4362*	3440*	343*	2235*	22	4076	535*	2634*
1989/90	23202*	27772*	1305*	2842*	6070*	624*	4030*	3300*	355*	2233*	22*	3880*	540*	2571*
% 88/89	-1.6*	0.2*	-2.6*	-0.5*	1.2*	-0.1*	12.0*	1.2*	-0.2*	-7.6*	-12.0	2.1	-3.6*	-11.9*
% 89/90	-3.5*	-4.1*	-5.0*	2.9*	-7.5*	2.9*	-7.6*	-4.1*	3.5*	-0.1*	0.0*	-4.8*	0.9*	-2.4*
FEBRUARY/MARCH														
FEVRIER/MARS														
1988	23204	27374*	1348	2728	6460	361	3662*	3458	357	1728	22	4288	508	2454
1989	21797*	25751*	1388*	2541*	6050*	364*	3418*	3298*	355*	1605*	22*	3920*	536	2254*
1990	21434*	25355*	1319*	2629*	5750*	368*	3380*	3100*	360*	1600*	22*	3980*	541*	2306*
% 88/89	-6.1*	-5.9*	3.0*	-2.7*	-6.3*	0.8*	-6.7*	-4.6*	-0.5*	-7.1*	0.0*	-8.6*	5.5	-8.1*
% 89/90	-1.7*	-1.5*	-5.0*	3.5*	-5.0*	1.2*	-1.1*	-6.0*	1.4*	-0.3*	0.0*	1.5*	0.9*	2.3*